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TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

Attendees: Chairman Adam Weissberger, Vice-Chairman E. Ray Weaver and Gary Leavitt. Also present David R. Ignatowicz, Director, Water Pollution Control; Arnie Bevins, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Peter Dureiko, Collection System Foreman; George Rostkowski, Business Manager; Peter Williams, Ellington WPCA Administrator; and Kevin Santini, 1031 Hartford Turnpike, LLC

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES OF WPCA PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON JULY 21, 2011

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, moved to accept the minutes of the of the Water Pollution Control Authority Public Hearing held on July 21, 2011 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

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PROPOSED PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT, 1031 HARTFORD TURNPIKE LLC. CONSISTING OF 66 HOUSING UNITS

Kevin Santini, representing 1031 Hartford Turnpike, LLC provided details regarding the proposed site plan for 66 housing units to be located at 1031 Hartford Turnpike. Three sewer laterals will be used to service the units; two are already in existence and will service Building #31 and #32, Mr. Santini said. Mr. Ignatowicz said that the town's 10 inch sewer line has adequate flow capacity for the units. Mr. Santini said that he expects construction to begin in the spring. Mr. Weaver asked if the sewers within the complex will be private and Mr. Santini said that the sewers will be private. Mr. Leavitt asked about the level of review that is required by the Authority with regards to the developer's agreement. Mr. Ignatowicz said that he would review the agreement and contact the Town Engineer if necessary with regard to the sewers. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Leavitt moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves a plan of development for 66 housing units located at 1031 Hartford Turnpike and authorizes the Water Pollution Control Director to enter into a Developers Permit Agreement with the applicant. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

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WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Bevins said that the plant is running very well. There were no issues relative to the hurricane and no flow issues whatsoever, he said. Mr. Bevins reported that the Warren Avenue pump station had to rely on generator power for four days and all other pump stations ran fine during the storm. Mr. Ignatowicz said storm related costs were approximately \$6021, the majority of which was for labor. Equipment, additional security and the removal of three trees located in front of the treatment plant also contributed to the total cost, which will be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement. Mr. Bevins said that next month he will provide energy savings information related to the diffuser upgrade which was implemented approximately one year ago. Mr. Bevins reported that July's BOD removal was 99.2%. Mr. Leavitt said that some equipment, for use at the treatment facility, will be available for purchase at a reduced cost, subsidized by the DEEP from the Nitrogen Credit Trading Fund.

REPAIR OF FORCEMAIN DISCHARGE LINE AT TALCOTTVILLE PUMP STATION

Mr. Ignatowicz provided information with regards to the condition and location of the section of the pipe that needs replacing at an estimated cost of \$25,222. The total cost includes \$4497, which is for the fabrication and installation of a steel I-beam, Mr. Ignatowicz said. He also informed the authority that preparations have been made with CT DOT, vendors and the Vernon Police Department. Mr. Dureiko said that the repair will be done in four stages and all labor will be provided by Town of Vernon personnel. The repair would begin on a Saturday evening and conclude Sunday morning at which time flows are lowest in that area, Mr. Dureiko said. Mr. Dureiko emphasized that timing of the repair is critical with regard to the flows. The Town of Manchester has approved the flow capacity that will be discharged to its sewer system during the repair and has waived all fees Mr. Bevins said. Mr. Ignatowicz said that the repair costs would be paid from the Sewer Connection Account and would require authorization from the Town Council. Mr. Leavitt, seconded by Mr. Weaver, moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority has determined it to be in the best interest of the Town to approve a waiver of the bidding procedure for an emergency repair of the Talcottville Pump Station force main, at a total estimated cost of \$25,222 including contingency, and authorizes the hiring of Kovacs Construction of Danbury, CT to provide labor and materials for the work. Mr. Weissberger asked for clarification of the cost from Mr. Ignatowicz, because the memo to Finance Officer James Luddecke referenced the cost to be \$25,225, he said. Mr. Ignatowicz said that the total estimated cost is \$25,222. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

DEEP REQUEST FOR WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR FY 2012 AND FY 2013 CLEAN WATER FUND PRIORITY LIST

Mr. Ignatowicz informed the Authority that he requested that the Town of Vernon be placed on the Clean Water Fund Priority List for fiscal years 2012 and 2013. Mr. Ignatowicz said that he has applied for planning assistance in the amount of \$150,000 for a study to evaluate the treatment plant and consider phosphorus reduction strategies.

REQUEST TO DISPOSE OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

Mr. Weissberger asked for a motion to remove Agenda Item #9 from the table. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Leavitt made a motion to remove Agenda #9 from the table and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Ignatowicz referenced a memo dated August 18, 2011 to WPCA members with salvage prices for the disposal of a 1999 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck. Based on the quotes, Mr. Ignatowicz recommended that the truck be sold to Leveille's Auto Recyclers. Mr. Weaver, seconded

by Mr. Leavitt made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves the recommendation of the Water Pollution Control Director to sell a 1999 Chevrolet Silverado Pick-Up Truck, Fixed Asset No. 99000229 to Leveille's Auto Recyclers for \$1,200 and to have said funds deposited into the Sewer User Fund. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

DISCUSSION OF INTERSTATE 84, EXIT 66 AND EXIT 67 AREAS

Mr. Ignatowicz referenced an email from Economic Development Coordinator Shaun Gately concerning the State's Office of Policy and Management Plan (OPM). A discussion followed regarding sewers and property in the areas of Exits 66 & 67 of Interstate 84. Mr. Ignatowicz noted that there are two sites in these areas that are inconsistent between the State's OPM plan and the Town of Vernon's sewer service plan. He said he will be working with OPM to resolve these inconsistencies.

ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Mr. Weaver commended Mr. Ignatowicz, Mr. Bevins and the staff for work done during the hurricane and Mr. Weissberger concurred. Mr. Leavitt suggested that concerns, questions and issues brought up by property owners regarding sewer user billing be discussed either at the next meeting or at a special meeting of the Authority.

ADJOURN

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Leavitt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa B. Yost
Secretary, Water Pollution Control*